#### In this guide learn how to:

- A. Logon to the application
- B. View, verify, add, & delete the competencies in your personal portfolio
- C. Provide your past experience & skills
- D. Provide recommendations for changes to the competency dictionary
- E. Find other experts, job positions, or projects

#### For more information:

- To see a list of competencies and guidelines for evaluating levels of proficiency, download the Competency Dictionary, https://cmstool.nasa.gov/dictionary.htm.
- See the CMS website for frequently asked questions and more reference material, https://cmstool.nasa.gov/help.htm.

#### **Navigational Notes:**

- The CMS application groups sets of functions under a series of TABS. To access that set of functions, you must first click on the TAB at the top of the screen.
- When a TAB is selected, the application will then display a set of applicable commands.
- CAUTION! Use the TABS and commands to navigate through the application, not the BACK, FORWARD, or REFRESH buttons in your browser
- CAUTION! The application will automatically log you out after 20 minutes of inactivity. The
  application is not aware of keystrokes or actions you take in your browser, until you activate
  a command or select a link. So when viewing data on the screen, or while entering any text,
  keep in mind the time limit and occasional activate an application command.

### **LOGON**



Figure 1 - CMS Web Page Header showing how to get to logon screen.

- Enter the CMS URL: https://cmstool.nasa.gov into your browser.
- From the CMS Homepage, select "Logon to CMS".
- From the User Logon screen, select your Center from the Center drop down menu.
- Enter your WebTADS User Name and Password in the UserID and Password fields and then click the Logon to CMS button.
- Click on the 'My Portfolio' tab near the top of the screen.



### **MY PORTFOLIO**

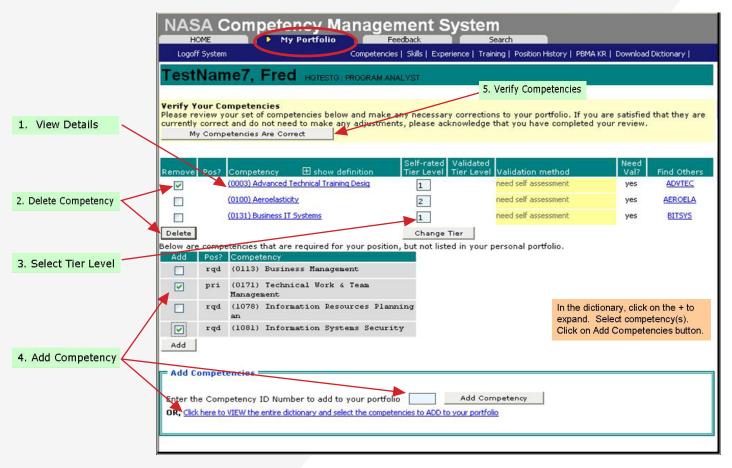


Figure 2 - Graphic providing guidance on the functional areas on the employee Portfolio Tab

- View Details: Click on the link for one of the competencies in your portfolio to see a history of transactions. Plus you can submit additional information about your experience and application of this competency.
- **2. To Delete a Competency:** Check the "Remove Box" next to the desired competency, then click the "Delete" button.
- 3. Select Tier Level: Evaluate your level of proficiency for each competency in your portfolio. Enter the appropriate Tier Level (1-4) and click on Change Tier. The Proficiency Guideline Table (Appendix B) of the CMS Dictionary provides guidance on tier levels. A Tier Level Indicator Quick Guide can also be found at: https://cmstool.nasa.gov/qguides.htm.

#### 4. To Add a Competency:

- a. Enter competency number (found in the dictionary) and click the "Add Competency" button Or
- b. Select link to view dictionary, select all appropriate competencies, then click the "Add Competencies" button. Or
- c. If there are competencies required for your position, but not in your portfolio, they will be highlighted in this section. Check the "Add Boxes" and click the "Add" button.



5. Verify Your Competencies: If you have not made any changes to your portfolio in the past 2 years, then this button will be displayed. If all of your competencies are correct and have the appropriate tier level click the "My Competencies Are Correct" button. (NOTE: You can still make changes to your portfolio at anytime.)

#### VIEW DETAILS & SUBMIT COMPETENCY RELATED EXPERIENCE

When you click on a competency hypertext link in your Portfolio (see Figure 2, #1-View Details) the system will display additional details, such as the competency definition and history of adjustments made by you, your supervisor, or the system as part of the business processes. You will also find a section for "Competency Evidences". This is a free text box where you can describe how you have applied this competency in your career, your training experience, or past projects utilizing your knowledge of this subject. This information will be used by your supervisor to help assess your level of proficiency. It can also be used by peers in your professional community, as well as other employees, that are trying to locate individuals with a particular expertise or specific applied experience.

Please keep your comments very succinct and concise; the text field is limited to about 500 words (or 1 page). To help structure your response, you should try to address the tier indicators (found in the dictionary) for your level of proficiency. Also, keep in mind that the application will time-out your session after 20 minutes of inactivity. (NOTE: typing in your browser is not detected by the application and is therefore considered inactive session time). You may wish to type up your response and then just copy and paste into the text box, or periodically click the "Submit Updates" button.

After you have finished entering your competency experience, click on the "Submit Updates" button to save the change.

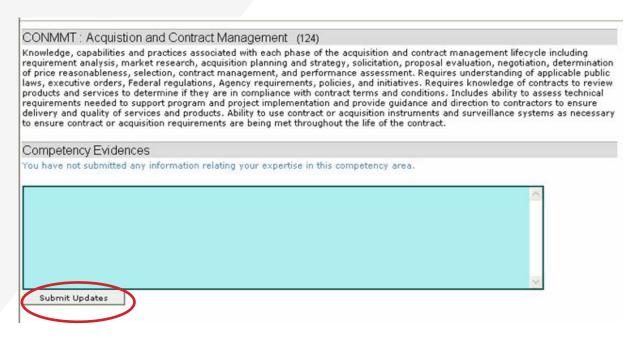


Figure 3 - Graphic depicting Competency Evidences text box and Submit Updates button



### MY ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES

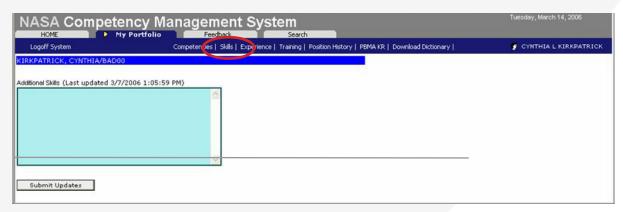


Figure 4 - Graphic depicting where to find the Skills and Experience features on the My Portfolio tab.

**Skills:** Skills are those abilities that may not be captured elsewhere in CMS. It is usually a very short description that is recognized by the peers in your community, or widely recognized within the agency. They can include professional certifications, licenses, and specific abilities. Some examples include a pilots' license, Professional Engineering certificate, professional plumber, certified electrician, and fluency in a foreign language.

**Experience:** This is a free text box where you can submit a brief synopsis of highlights from your career experiences.

To submit information for either of these areas, click the "Skills" or "Experience" command on the TAB menu. Enter your text, then click the "Submit Updates" button.

### **SUGGESTIONS AND DICTIONARY CHANGES**



Figure 5 - Graphic depicting Feedback Tab showing where to submit questions/issues and dictionary changes.

**Submit Questions/Issue:** If you have trouble with the application or the business processes, or if you have any suggestions for improvements or any lessons learned on applying or utilizing the competency information, you can submit your comments on-line. The CMS Operational Manager at your center will review and disposition your comments. You can view the disposition status of your comments at anytime.

**Dictionary Change Request:** You can submit recommendations to add, remove, or clarify any competency in the dictionary. These suggestions will be reviewed and dispositioned by the appropriate professional community in conjunction with the responsible Agency/Center competency stakeholders. Approved changes will be incorporated into the periodic revision of the dictionary.

**View/Edit Dictionary Changes:** You can view any proposed dictionary changes and submit comments.



### FIND EXPERTS, POSITION, PROJECTS

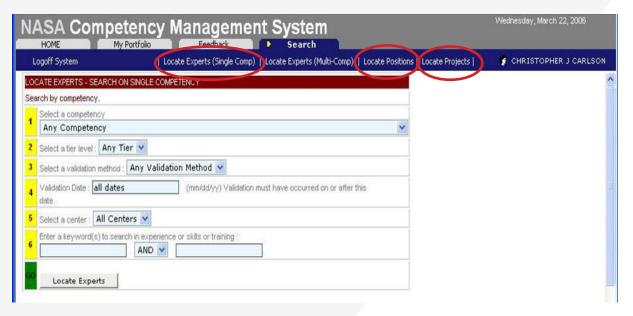


Figure 6 - Graphic depicting the Search Tab with the location of links to assist employees in searching CMS.

**Locate Experts:** You can specify the competencies, tier level, Center, applied experience, and/or training and the system will identify the individuals that match your search criteria.

**Locate Job Positions:** You can find all of the job positions in the agency that utilize the competencies that you specify.

**Locate Programs/Projects:** You can view a listing of all projects that plan to utilize the competencies that you have specified.